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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 September to 18 October 1991. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 30 September 1991 at 10.30 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the first session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General taking into account the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session

The first session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairman of the Committee.

2. Election of the Chairman of the Committee

In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Committee shall elect its officers for a term of two years. In this connection, the Committee may wish to elect its Chairman and, after adoption of the relevant rules of procedure, to elect its other officers.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee may wish to consider and adopt the agenda for its first session on the basis of the provisional agenda drawn up by the Secretary-General.

4. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Committee

In accordance with article 43, paragraph 8, of the Convention, the Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure. In this connection, the

Committee will have before it the draft rules of procedure (CRC/C/L.1), which have been prepared by the Secretary-General with a view to facilitating its task.

5. Solemn declaration by the members of the Committee

Should the Committee adopt rule 15 of the draft rules of procedure, each member of the Committee will be invited to make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

6. Election of the other officers of the Committee

In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect its Vice-Chairmen and its Rapporteur.

7. Matters relating to the Committee's methods of work in respect of the consideration of reports to be submitted by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee may wish to draw up appropriate general guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by the States parties under article 44 of the Convention, taking into account the draft provisional guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General (CRC/C/L.2).

In this connection, the attention of the Committee is drawn, in particular to the consolidated guidelines for the initial part of State party reports to be submitted under the various international human rights instruments (HRI/1991/1) which were transmitted by the Secretary-General to States parties on 26 April 1991. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 45/85 entitled "Effective implementation of instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights", which contains provisions relevant to its methods of work relating to reporting procedures established under the Convention.

In addition, the Committee may wish to consider the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports submitted by States parties.

8. Cooperation with specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organs

In accordance with article 45 of the Convention, the Committee may wish to consider ways of establishing cooperation with specialized agencies, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organs in order to foster the effective implementation of the Convention and to encourage international cooperation in the field covered by the Convention.

9. Cooperation with other competent bodies

In accordance with article 45 of the Convention, the Committee may wish to consider ways of establishing cooperation with other competent bodies, such as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

In connection with this item as well as item 8 above, the attention of the Committee is drawn, in particular, to General Assembly resolution 45/104 entitled "Convention on the Rights of the Child". In paragraph 9 of that resolution, the General Assembly invited United Nations agencies and organizations as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on the Convention and promoting its understanding.

10. Future meetings of the Committee

In accordance with article 43, paragraph 10, of the Convention, the Committee may wish to decide, in consultation with the Secretary-General dates and venue of its second session, taking into account the calendar of conferences as approved by the General Assembly as well as the relevant decisions taken by the States parties at their first meeting on 27 February 1991.

11. Other matters

Under this item members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.